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Honorable J. W. Fulbright
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

I am happy to respond to your request for comments on S. 822, a bill to create the Freedom Commission and the Freedom Academy.

I believe the objective to be laudable. As I stated in an address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in August 1960, we need in this country more education on the history and policies of International Communism, particularly more knowledge of the nature of the Communist threat to our way of life. I believe it is essential for educational institutions throughout the United States to develop facilities for extending the knowledge of the dangers of Communism in all its ramifications and to give some of its historical background.

There are already several departments and agencies in the Federal Government which devote time and effort to the subjects with which the proposed Freedom Commission would be concerned. As you undoubtedly know, this Agency has a considerable effort devoted to the study of Communism, including a School of International Communism to educate those who enter on duty with us.

In regard to the Freedom Academy, there are these factors to be considered:

- (1) Many universities and research institutions (such as the Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy Association, and Brookings) are already making an effort in studying the menace of Communism and in educating their students or members. In these universities and institutions are found most of the real experts, outside those in Government, who are competent to deal with this subject.

- (2) A study of International Communism and related Soviet problems would provide a more rounded program if it were tied in with general studies of world problems. Such a general course might be more attractive to the type of individual who could be effective in such work.
- (3) The Academy would be an overt institution, and its personnel and student body would almost certainly become well known. This factor would be quite important in selecting students and in determining the nature of their future activities in the field of anti-Communism.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director